

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached 23 sheets of drawings include Figs. 1-24. These sheets replace the original sheets filed with the above-referenced application in their entirety.

Attachment: 23 Replacement Sheets

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Upon entry of this paper, claims 1-23 and 25-27 remain pending. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 1, 3-21, 23, and 25-27.

Claims 2 and 22 have been provisionally rejected on the grounds of obviousness-type double patenting. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to Drawings

Applicants submit herewith 23 sheets of formal drawings, replacing the drawings as filed in their entirety. This amendment merely replaces the original drawing sheets with professionally executed versions. No new matter has been added.

Double Patenting Rejection of Claims 2 and 22

Claims 2 and 22 were provisionally rejected on the grounds of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1 and 26 of co-pending and commonly assigned Application No. 10/769,357. The rejection states that although the claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other due to the nature of the differences between them.

In the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Provisional Double Patenting Rejection over a Pending "Reference" Application (form PTO/SB/25), together with the appropriate fee. The form has been signed by an authorized agent of NVIDIA Corporation, the assignee of 100% interest in the application. Assignee's interest is established by the Statement under 37 CFR §3.73(b) and Power of Attorney filed herewith.

The Terminal Disclaimer overcomes the obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2 and 22.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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